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TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Field Epidemiologist

State Classification/Title/Salary Group: 4129/ Veterinarian III/ B27

Veterans, Reservist or Guardsmen with an MOS or additional duties that fall in the fields of 68T- Animal Care Specialist or other related fields pertaining to the minimum experience requirements may meet the minimum qualifications for this position and are highly encouraged to apply

Additional Military Crosswalk information can be accessed at

http://www.hr.sao.state.tx.us/Compensation/MilitaryCrosswalk/MOSC_MedicalandHealth.pdf

Monthly Salary Range: \$7084 - \$7916.67 mo / \$85,008 – \$95,000 yr (plus state benefits)
(Salary Dependent Upon Qualifications)

Position Location: Laredo, Texas - May headquarter from residence

Job Posting #: 16-15

FLSA Status: Exempt

Opening Date: October 19, 2015

Closing Date: Until Filled

General Description

The Field Epidemiologist (Epidemiologist) reports to the Assistant Executive Director for Epidemiology and Labs. This position is responsible for performing risk analyses to support Texas livestock industries as related to Texas livestock health issues; advising on trends in disease control and eradication efforts; monitoring surveillance methods; conducting epidemiological investigations; determining disease classifications and diagnostic procedures; and, providing assistance to field personnel. May headquarter from residence.

Essential Job Functions:

- Coordinates and directs multiple risk analyses in collaboration with agency personnel, USDA, and other entities to evaluate and analyze safeguards to mitigate disease risks to an acceptable level.
- Generates epidemiological and statistical reports on specific diseases, using contemporary statistical methods and software, as assigned.
- Coordinates interagency projects with project managers of the cooperating state and federal agencies. Advises agency staff, Commission, and industry leadership on emerging and re-emerging livestock disease issues, including recommendations regarding implementation of control and eradication methods.
- Prepares routine status reports to inform TAHC, industry, and the Texas Legislature regarding risk analyses on specific diseases, as assigned.
- Assists agency personnel in developing and achieving surveillance, herd management, educational, and diagnostic evaluation objectives.
- Facilitates specific disease work groups charged with advising the Commission on the needs of industry regarding risk analysis issues.
- Creates and delivers presentations on status of disease control and eradication programs to industry groups, practitioner associations, animal health organizations, and other agencies.

- Consults with area personnel and herd owners to address problem herds.
- Consults with Field Veterinarians and Region Directors regarding interpretation of standards and guidelines for classification of test results and disease management procedures in program herds.
- Identifies and offers recommendations on areas of deficiencies in surveillance, diagnosis, control, eradication, or prevention activities.
- Develops epidemiological expertise on emerging diseases, as assigned.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from an accredited college or university; Texas veterinary license, or eligibility for Texas license, required.
- An advanced degree in epidemiology or other relevant field is preferred.
- Experience in state or federal animal health programs or regulatory work is desired.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of basic research methods, principles, techniques, and philosophy of disease management; of statistical concepts, methods, and their application to research analysis; of measurement and evaluation; principles and methods of epidemiology and biostatistics related to infectious diseases. Strong skills in both oral and written communication required. Skill in GIS software is desired. Demonstrated experience and skills in project management. Skilled in use of personal computer software for various reporting and analysis responsibilities. Ability to operate in a team environment, establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with agency staff, associates, and industries. Proficiency in the Spanish language is desired. Knowledge of the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program is desired.

Other: Ability to be “on call;” travel extensively within Texas and occasionally outside Texas; and, to work non-standard work hours when required.

The TAHC is an emergency response agency. The Field Epidemiologist plays a key role in the agency’s emergency management activities. As a first responder, this position is subject to participate in rotating temporary duty assignments away from the regular designated headquarters for up to two weeks at a time. This duty may involve working in adverse conditions; may require irregular working hours and overtime; and, may include duties other than those specified in the standard position description.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Completed and signed State of Texas Application for Employment must be received by the closing date, unless the position is posted “until filled.” Application forms and instructions are available on our web site at www.tahc.texas.gov , or the web site of the Texas Workforce Commission at www.twc.state.tx.us. Submit fully completed and signed applications to TAHC Human Resources, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966 (2105 Kramer Lane, Austin) or email to human.resources@tahc.texas.gov . Phone **800-550-8242, ext.723 or 512-719-0723. Only interviewed applicants will receive notice of the final disposition of the selection process.**

The Texas Animal Health Commission is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability in employment or in the provision of services. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any requests for reasonable accommodation needed during the application process should be communicated by the applicant to our Human Resources Department (512) 719-0700. For a telecommunications relay service for the hearing impaired, please dial 711. At time of hire, selected applicants must show proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act. Proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. will be confirmed using E-Verify. All males who are age 18 through 25 and required to register with the Selective Service must present proof of registration or exemption from registration upon hire.

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